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GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Ben Ysursa  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol  
Boise, ID 83720

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby advise you that I am transmitting to you the following Senate Bill, which will be allowed to become law without my signature:

**S1072aa, aaH**

as prescribed by the Constitution.

The Organ Donation Program is a simple and effective way for citizens to save or dramatically improve a life. I applaud Intermountain Donor Services for looking for creative ways to fund this important program that has given many Idahoans a new lease on life. I believe with some reasonable accommodations this program could touch many lives in the years to come.

However, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) will not be prepared to implement the program for vehicle registrations by July 1, 2013, and has concerns about the program's impact on its vehicle registration systems.

Perhaps more importantly, ITD has not yet determined a policy for linking fees beyond those for transportation-related purposes to driver license and vehicle registration transactions. Doing so could challenge the viability of much-needed potential transportation revenue as other worthy but unrelated causes look to those transactions as a source of funding. I encourage caution in using them for purposes beyond transportation.

I also encourage stakeholders in this new program to work together with ITD and the Legislature to ensure the department's startup costs are reimbursed from the new fees collected. This agreement should be memorialized prior to implementation.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "Butch" Otter  
Governor of Idaho